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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU TO NYC?--SOVIET-ROMANIAN VISITS

1. DURING PERIODIC TOUR D'HORIZON AT US EMBASSY, SOVIET COUNSELLOR PESHCHERSKY EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU DEFINITELY DESIRES VISIT UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK AFTER COMPLETING SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER TOUR OF LATIN AMERICA. I TOLD PESHCHERSKY WE THOUGHT ROMANIANS HAD NOT MADE UP MINDS ABOUT POSSIBLE US VISIT AND THAT WE HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT CEAUSESCU'S INTENTIONS IN ANY CASE. PESHCHERSKY UNDERSTOOD THAT COSTA RICA NOW DROPPED FROM CEAUSESCU'S LATIN AMERICAN ITINERARY IN ADDITION PREVIOUS WITHDRAWALS BY PANAMA AND URUGUAY. HE SAID GOR NOW TRYING TO ADD BOLIVIA.

2. PESHCHERSKY SAID FUTURE VISIT OF SOVIET PARTY CHIEF BREZHNEV TO ROMANIA HAD BEEN "DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE" BUT THAT NO DATE HAD BEEN SET AND IMPLIED VISIT UNLIKELY THIS YEAR. SCHEDULED VISIT IN NEAR FUTURE (PROBABLY IN SEPTEMBER) BY POLITBURO MEMBER POLYANSKY WILL "HAVE NO GREAT SIGNIFICANCE," ACCORDING TO PESHCHERSKY.

3. ROMANIAN DEFENSE MINISTER IONITA RETURNED "FEW DAYS AGO" FROM "REST VISIT" IN MOSCOW WHERE HE TALKED WITH
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SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER GRECHKO. FOUR MEMBERS OF ROMANIAN

LEADERSHIP ARE NOW IN USSR "ON VACATION"--PESHCHERSKY RECALLED THREE, PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TROFIN, DRAGANESCU AND POPESCU. ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER MAURER WILL VISIT MOSCOW AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER IN DISCUSS NEXT YEAR'S ECONOMIC PLAN.

4. PESHCHERSKY EXCLUDED POSSIBILITY OF WARSAW PACT MANEUVERS IN ROMANIA DURING REST OF YEAR BUT SAID THERE MIGHT BE STAFF-LEVEL EXERCISES IN ROMANIA OR ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN WP EXERCISES ELSEWHERE, E.G., BULGARIA.

5. PESHCHERSKY, AS EXPECTED, DOWNPLAYED POSSIBILITY OF DIFFERENCES AT CRIMEAN COMMUNIST SUMMIT PARLEY IN JULY ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WERE SOME DIFFERENCES OF "NUANCE." HIS EMPHASIS ON BREZHNEV'S PERSONAL STATESMANSHIP IN ALLEGEDLY "CREATING CALM BUSINESSLIKE ATMOSPHERE" AT SUCH GATHERINGS WAS NOTEWORTHY.
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